

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE 18 MARCH, 2021
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 18 MARCH, 2021 AT 1100 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE MEETING

PRESENT:-

Councillor Karen McCarthy in the Chair;

Councillors Bob Beauchamp, Maureen Cornish, Diane Donaldson, Mohammed Fazal, Kath Hartley, Mohammed Idrees, Julie Johnson, Zhor Malik, Saddak Miah, Gareth Moore, Mike Ward and Martin Straker Welds.

INTRODUCTION

- 7861 The Chair indicated that meeting would be hosted on teams but would be webstreamed and indicated that, because the Committee was a quasi-judicial one, no decisions had been made before the meeting. She noted that members would be using the chat function in teams to indicate a wish to speak and to notify of technical problems. No side conversations would take place.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 7862 The Chair advised, and the Committee noted, that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) and members of the press/public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 7863 The Chair reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. The Chair noted that Members should also express an interest if they had expressed a view on any of the applications being considered at the meeting and take no part in the consideration of the item.

It was noted that Councillor Kath Hartley would not be taking part in item number 6.

APOLOGIES

7864 No apologies were submitted.

At this point in the meeting the Chair took a roll call of members present and reminded Members that they must be connected for the whole debate of an item in order to be able to vote on that item.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7865 The Chair informed Members that the meetings were scheduled to take place on the 1, 15 and 29 April, 2021. It was noted that a workshop for Members was taking place this afternoon.

There were some speakers attending the meeting.

MINUTES

7866 The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 March, 2021 having been previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chair.

The business of the meeting and all discussions in relation to individual planning applications including issues raised by objectors and supporters thereof was available for public inspection via the web-stream.

REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR, INCLUSIVE GROWTH (ACTING)

The following reports were submitted:

(See Document No. 1)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE CITY CENTRE AREA

REPORT NO. 6 - THE DISTILLERY, 4 SHEEPCOTE STREET, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM, B16 8AE - 2020/10046/PA

Councillor Kath Hartley declared a non pecuniary interest in the matter to be discussed and took no part in the discussion or vote on the item.

The Area Planning Manager (City Centre Area) advised that a further response had been received from Councillor Kath Hartley asking a number of questions.

In reply to the questions submitted from Councillor Kath Hartley it was reported that -

1. No noise decibel limit had been set. There was an in-house management plan.

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2. Noise acoustic testing was currently proposed from King Edwards Wharf.
3. Timing of acoustic checks will be agreed with EPU.
4. The noise management plan was not specific about the acoustic checks being impromptu or pre-announced.
5. Issues of potential crowd noise need to be addressed by Environmental Health.
6. There were no restrictions on the use of the screen other than the hours specified by the conditions of licence.

For the avoidance of doubt the Chair explained that Councillor Hartley had expressed a view and would not take part in the discussions or vote however as a Ward Councillor she was entitled to submit questions.

An objector spoke against the application.

A supporter spoke in favour of the application.

The Area Planning Manager (City Centre responded to comments made by the objector and supporter.

Members commented on the application and the Area Planning Manager (City Centre Area) responded thereto.

Upon being put to a vote it was 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

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RESOLVED:-

That temporary planning permission be granted for a one year period.

REPORT NO. 7 - THE AXIS, HOLLIDAY STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B1 1TF - 2020/06633/PA

The following addendum to the report, having been previously circulated was received and noted.

(See document no. 2)

It was noted that the recommendation had been amended to approve the application subject to a Section 106 Legal Agreement. Following negotiations an agreement had been reached for the applicant to make a planning contribution towards public realm improvements in the vicinity of the site for a sum of £232,460. All the other matters were the same.

Upon being put to a vote it was 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

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RESOLVED:-

- i) That consideration of planning application 2020/06633/PA be approved subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 legal agreement as set out in the addendum to the report;
- ii) That In the absence of the suitable planning obligation agreement being completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority on or before 23 of April 2021, or such later date as may be authorised by officers under powers hereby delegated, that planning permission be refused for the reasons set out in the report;
- iii) That the City Solicitor be authorised to prepare, seal and complete the planning obligation; and
- iv) That in the event of the planning obligation being completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority on or before 23 April 2021, favourable consideration be given to this application, subject to the conditions set out in the report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NORTH WEST AREA

REPORT NO. 8 - LOZELLS CENTRAL MOSQUE, LOZELLS ROAD, LOZELLS, BIRMINGHAM, B19 1RJ - 2020/05276/PA

The Area Planning Manager (North West Area) advised that an additional letter objecting to the planning application had been received. For clarification it was noted that the letter of support had been received from Councillor Waseem Zaffar. The Committee was informed that as the objector to the planning application was not present it was the correct process that the supporter would also not be allowed to speak but was welcome to remain in the meeting.

A Member commented on the application and the Area Planning Manager (North West Area) responded thereto.

Upon being put to a vote it was 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

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RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report.

REPORT NO. 9 - 123-125 SOHO HILL, HOCKLEY, BIRMINGHAM, B19 1AX - 2020/00878/PA

The Area Planning Manager (North West Area) advised that there were no updates.

A Member commented on the application and the Area Planning Manager (North West Area) responded thereto.

Upon being put to a vote it was 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

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RESOLVED:-

- i) That consideration of planning application 2020/00878/PA should be approved subject to the completion of a planning obligation agreement as set out in the report.
- ii) That in the absence of a suitable planning obligation agreement being completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority on or before the 1st April 2021 or such later date as may be authorised by officers under delegated powers that planning permission be refused for the reason set out in the report.
- iii) That the City Solicitor be authorised to prepare, seal and complete the appropriate legal agreement.
- iv) That in the event of the planning obligation being completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority on or before the 1st April 2021 or such later date as may be authorised by officers under delegated powers favourable consideration be given to this application subject to the conditions set out in the report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE SOUTH AREA

REPORT NO. 10 - 1256-1258 PERSHORE ROAD, BOURNVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, B30 2YA - 2020/04405/PA

The Principal Planning Officer (South Area) advised that the objector to the planning application was not present. There had been 2 additional letters of objections however there were no new issues raised. An additional letter of objection had been received from Councillor Mary Locke that reiterated the points she had raised previously. An additional sentence should have been added to paragraph 6.16 of the Officer Report to specify that the proposal causes no harm to the setting of the nearby locally listed building.

Upon being put to a vote it was 10 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstention.

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RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report.

REPORT NO. 11 - THE YORK PUBLIC HOUSE, YORK ROAD, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B28 8LE - 2019/06453/PA

There were no updates. A Member commented on the application.

Upon being put to a vote it was 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

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That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report.

REPORT NO. 12 - BUZZ BINGO, PARK WAY, RUBERY, BIRMINGHAM, B45 9WA - 2020/10218/PA

The Area Planning Officer (South Area) advised that there were no updates.

Members commented on the application and the Principal Planning Officer (South Area) responded thereto.

Upon being put to a vote it was 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

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That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report.

REPORT NO. 13 - 126 BILLESLEY LANE, MOSELEY, BIRMINGHAM, B13 9RD - 2020/09252/PA

Members commented on the application and the Principal Planning Officer (South Area) responded thereto.

Upon being put to a vote it was 12 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

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That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report.

The meeting adjourned at 1203 hours and reconvened at 1210 hours.

POLICY REPORT

REPORT NO. 14 - PRESENTATION OF OUR FUTURE CITY PLAN

Simon Delahunty Forest made a presentation entitled Our Future City Plan.

To access the document please click on the attached link:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/ourfuturecityplan>

Members commented on the Plan and the following points were made:-

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- Councillor Moore commented that the proposals were high end housing proposals and questioned the affordability for people on low incomes and young people hoping to buy a property.
- Councillor Moore commented on the tall buildings being harmful to the City Centre skyline also the lack of a transport system for people to get around.
- The Chair stressed the need for a balance to enable people to access their daily needs within a reasonable distance from their homes.
- Councillor Martin Straker Weld welcomed the plans and noted that Birmingham was doing well in terms of the local economy.
- Councillor Simon Morrall reiterated the comments made about the ambition and aspirations of Birmingham adding that the Midlands was unique in terms of its history and heritage.
- The Chair invited Members to send in their views regarding the plan.

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RESOLVED:-

That the presentation and comments be noted.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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There were no matters of other urgent business. Members were reminded about the training session currently taking place.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

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RESOLVED:-

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 1259 hours

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CHAIR